



Appln. No.: 09/917,775  
Preliminary Amendment dated July 28, 2003  
Reply to Final Office Action of January 28, 2003

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**Hisato OYAMATSU**

Serial No.: 09/917,775

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Atty. Docket No.: 002372.00027

Group Art Unit: 2811

Examiner: Hu, S.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2003. Applicant requests three (3) months extension of time until July 28, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 in the amount of \$930.00. If additional fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2003 and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith, please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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